

TURLEY OF YANKS ACCEPTS PAY CUT

Signs at Estimated \$28,000
—His Weight Is Also Down
—Coleman Resigns Job

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Bob Turley, the right-handed hurler with the fireball delivery that once was clocked at 94.2 miles an hour, has removed himself from the category of dissatisfied Yankees. Quietly and without notice, Turley slipped in and out of town last Saturday. He stayed only long enough to sign a contract, his sixth as a Yankee, his tenth as a major leaguer.

As is customary, no figures were announced by the Yankees when they disclosed the signing yesterday. It is believed, though, that Turley, having turned down a 24 per cent cut originally suggested by the club, compromised by agreeing to work for some \$4,000, or 12½ per cent, less than he did in 1959. This being so, Turley's salary for 1960 figures to be approximately \$28,000.

That Turley was cut was hardly a surprise.

The sensation of 1958 was one of the flops of 1959. In 1958, Turley was a twenty-one-game winner, who fanned 168, had a 2.98 earned-run average, won two world series games, saved another and won the Cy Young Memorial Award. In 1959, his 8-11 record and 4.32-earned-run average were, many felt, largely responsible for the collapse of the world champions.

When Turley showed up at

the Fifth Avenue offices of the Yankees, little wonder he was not spotted. Roy Hamey, the assistant general manager, with whom the pitcher discussed terms, found it hard to recognize Turley, who doubles as the club's player representative.

The big, round man, who had wound up last season at 218 pounds, was a svelte 207 on Saturday. What's more, Turley, who is 29 years old, expects to pitch at 204 pounds next season.

"The older a pitcher gets, the extra weight taxes his energy," Turley told Hamey. By dieting and light exercising, Turley has succeeded in trimming down to the lightest he has been in years.

With the announcement of Turley's signing, the Yankees disclosed the resignation of Jerry Coleman, the former in-

fielder, who had turned to the front office.

The ex-Marine, who had served as minor league player director of the Yankees since November of 1957, has joined the Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation in an executive capacity. With regret, Coleman leaves baseball. At 35 he feels his future is in business.

Coleman entered organized baseball in 1942, joined the Yankees in 1949 and played with them through the 1957 season. He took time out for service in World War II and in the Korean conflict.